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I note that the bottom line of the NIE properly concerns the combined effects of the key military issues on US vital interests. It seems to me that the anticipated role and capabilities of our West European allies in the area is a key military issue that should bear importantly on the conclusions of the NIE.

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